

#### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims 1-16 were pending in the instant application at the time of the issuance of the previous Office Action, mailed November 14, 2007. Via the latest response from the Applicant, filed March 4, 2008, claims 2 and 11 are cancelled. Therefore, claims 1, 3-10, and 12-16 remain pending and have been examined.

#### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Charles Gross on June 19, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

#### **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

The Applicant has previously submitted an amendment to the specification. It was filed March 4, 2008. The Amendment added four paragraphs in the Summary of the Invention section of the Specification, at the end of page 4 and prior to the Brief Description of the Drawings section on page 5. The fourth paragraph, shown at the top of page 4 of the Amendment filed March 4, 2008 is amended as follows:

In another aspect, a computer-based method for accessing content is provided. The method includes transmitting an electronic container having files at least one file of electronic content and a container identifier, wherein at least one data block of the electronic content is encrypted using a symmetric encryption technique and a header associated with a first data block of the electronic content is encrypted using an asymmetric encryption technique, the header including a symmetric decryption key, and transmitting a permission token based on an attempt to access the electronic content to grant access to the electronic content, wherein at least the symmetric decryption key is re-encrypted for each occurrence of transmitting the permission.

#### IN THE CLAIMS

**Claim 3** is amended as follows: replace lines 1 and 2 with the following:

Claim 3. A computer program product comprising a computer storage medium having readable program code embodied in the medium, the computer

**Claim 12** is amended as follows: replace lines 1 through 3 with the following:

Claim 12. A computer-based method for accessing content, the method comprising the steps of:  
  
transmitting an electronic container having at least one file of electronic content and a

***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 1, 3-10, and 12-16 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art in the field fails to teach the combination of features of the claimed invention as set forth in the independent claims, particularly including:

As for claims 1 and 3, the novel and unobvious features include the creation of a container including; an identifier; electronic content encrypted with a symmetric encryption algorithm; and a header encrypted with an asymmetric encryption algorithm, and where the container's header includes a symmetric decryption key that is subsequently replaced in a re-keying operation utilizing data associated with a user or user device, and where the encrypted content can only be decrypted by the user or user's device after the user or user device has undergone authentication against the container identifier.

As for claim 9, the novel and unobvious features include those discussed supra for claims 1 and 3, and where in addition the re-keying operation creates a unique value for the header for every different container delivered to the user's device.

As for claim 12, the novel and unobvious features include delivery of electronic content utilizing a container having at least one file of electronic content, where the container comprises; electronic content encrypted using a symmetric encryption algorithm; a header associated with the electronic content and encrypted with an asymmetric encryption algorithm; and where the header contains a symmetric decryption key, and where a permission token that grants access is transmitted based on an attempt to utilize the electronic content, and where the decryption key is re-encrypted each time a permission token is transmitted.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul E. Callahan whose telephone number is (571) 272-3869. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 9 to 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise, can be reached on (571) 272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is: (571) 273-8300.

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